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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, MASS, SU, US  
SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL AUTHORIZATION FOR SALE OF C-130'S

REF: STATE 078724

1. MET WITH PRESIDENT NIMEIRI ALONE APRIL 9 TO GIVE HIM GOODS NEWS RE SALE OF SIX C-130S (REFTEL). I TOLD HIM PRESIDENT HAD AUTHORIZED TRANSACTION AND EXPLAINED PROCEDURES UNDER WHICH SALE WOULD NOW BE REFERRED TO THE CONGRESS. THESE MIGHT TAKE UP TO 50 DAYS BUT I HAD SEEN NOTHING TO SUGGEST THAT THE CONGRESS WOULD NOT GO ALONG WITH THE PRESIDENT'S AUTHORIZATION. I ADDED THAT MATTER HAD BEEN UNDER ACTIVE CONSIDERATION AT TIME OF PRESIDENT SADAT'S RECENT VISIT AND THAT LATTER'S VIEWS HAD BEEN VERY RELEVANT TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S DECISION.

2. NIMEIRI RESPONDED THAT HE WAS DELIGHTED. SUDAN NEEDED AIRCRAFT OF THIS TYPE TO COVER COUNTRY'S VAST DISTANCES AND HE WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED TO HEAR THE NEWS. HE THEN ASKED WHETHER NOW WOULD BE TIME FOR SUDAN TO PURSUE QUESTION OF SALE OTHER MILITARY ITEMS, NOTABLY F-5E AIRCRAFT, IN WHICH HIS GOVERNMENT ALSO HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST. I REPLIED THAT SUDAN

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COULD OF COURSE MAKE A REQUEST WHENEVER IT WISHED BUT MY OWN JUDGMENT WAS THAT IT WOULD BE PREFERABLE AWAIT FINALIZATION OF C-130 TRANSACTION BEFORE RAISING OTHER MATTERS. NIMEIRI INDICATED THAT HE AGREED.

3. COMMENT: PARTICULARLY IN VIEW RECENT HORN DEVELOPMENTS,

THIS LATEST MANIFESTATION USG SUPPORT FOR SUDAN CLEARLY  
MADE MAJOR IMPACT ON NIMEIRI. DO NOT THINK HE WILL PURSUE  
QUESTION F-5ES IN IMMEDIATE FUTURE BUT WE MAY EXPECT THIS  
OTHER SHOE TO DROP IN DUE COURSE.  
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